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Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Leong et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/904,828)
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Filing Date: July 12, 2001)
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For: POLISHING APPARATUS AND)
METHOD FOR FORMING AN)
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)

Examiner: Eley, T.

Art Unit: 3724

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004, the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains two distinct species of the claimed invention. As such, the Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single species of the invention for prosecution on the merits.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN
SPECIES

Applicants elect without traverse species I corresponding to claims 39-41 and 43-47, which are drawn to an alignment detector that comprises a laser.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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